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THE CITY'S WATER SUPPLY.

The Council is just now taking

much needed action in the matter of

improving the water system of this

city, and at the last session the recom-

mendation of the Committee on Water

Supply, that a board of engineers be

appointed to make a thorough hydro-

graphic survey, was approved.

The Council having ordered this

work, should see that it is

done well, and no question of expense,

so the expense be within the bounds of

reason, should influence them in the

matter. There is nothing at present

of more vital importance to the

city than a supply of water which can

be depended upon, and the waste, un-

der the present system, is so enormous

that it is positively criminal to allow

it to continue. Nothing which the

Council can do to improve and de-

velop the supply of water, for irrigat-

ing and domestic purposes, will be

disapproved by the people; and the

board of engineers, in whose hands

the work of finding out the necessary

measures to be taken is to be placed,

ought to be furnished with ample

means to prosecute their investigations

to the fullest extent. When the mat-

ter next comes up for consideration

by the Council, it should be met by a

full board, and handled as its great

importance deserves.

"LINE UPON LINE."

The handwriting of prosperity

may be seen on the walls of the

many fine buildings now going up in

every part of Los Angeles. The pri-

vate dwellings which are in process

of construction at present are more sub-

stantial and imposing than those gen-

erally built heretofore. They are

houses that will do for the future

when we have become a large city and

a great commercial center of wealth

and prosperity. And yet the demand

for them, notwithstanding the great

building activity, is greater than the

supply. More first-class houses are

wanted than can be had, and the de-

mand for smaller houses is no less

supplied. With the constant influx of

population there is danger of this line

becoming a serious one. It is an

evil that capital should guard against.

More houses should be built for

rent. There is no danger that they

will be idle. This scarcity of rent-

al houses is leading to another

evil, of which the public has recently

spoken—rate of exorbitant rent.

These high rates and a mistaken policy

on the part of property owners, there

is a limit to the extent to which peo-

ple will submit to be taxed, and the in-

jury will finally rebound upon the

heads of those who are now taking ad-

vantage of the situation and making

unjust exactions. A wise policy in

this matter will bring the best results

in the end to all concerned. It will

tend materially to the growth and

prosperity of the city. It will enhance

the value of property by increasing the

number of improvements and bring-

ing in a large industrial and

well-to-do element such as we need.

Let us be just to ourselves in being

just to others.

NATIONAL WEALTH.

If it is wealth alone that is nec-

essary to create an aristocracy, then

our English cousins will have to take

the back seat, and John Bull deferen-

tially doff his hat to them. It is claimed

by statisticians that the United States

are not only potentially but actually rich-

er than the United Kingdom. Con-

sidering the houses, furniture, manuf-

actures, railways, shipping, bullion,

lands, cattle, crops, investments and

roads, it is estimated that there is a

grand total in the United States of

\$19,770,000,000. Great Britain is

credited with something less than

\$10,000,000,000, or nearly \$10,000,

000,000 less than the United States.

The wealth per inhabitant in Great

Britain is estimated at \$1,160, and in

the United States at \$953. With re-

gard to the remuneration of labor, as-

suming the produce of labor to be 100,

in Great Britain 56 parts go to the

laborer, 21 to capital and 23 to Govern-

ment. In France 41 parts go to labor,

36 to capital and 23 to Government.

In the United States 72 parts go to labor,

23 to capital and 5 to Government.

The results which a hundred years

of national life have brought to this

country are astonishing to the more

plodding nations of the Old World.

It will dawn upon them, perhaps, by

and by, that republican methods

have something to do with it. A growth

fettered by monarchial insti-

tutions and kindly rule is not as

free and spontaneous as that where

every citizen is an independent sov-

ereign.

SAN BERNARDINO, since the completion

of the California Southern Rail-

road, has secured a new market for

her agricultural products, and is ship-

ping considerable hay and other stock

to San Diego.

TAX INVENTIVE GENIUS OF MAN.

has never been taken much account of in

the world. It is to man that the ages

have looked for those improvements

that are the waymarks in the path of

progress. But in the Boston Fair wo-

man does not take the back seat.

The woman's department is not barren

as to inventions, and then, cleanliness

and variety is a matter of surprise to

the visitor at the exposition. Among

the ingenious contrivances is a table

bedstead, the invention of a California

woman. There are also floor-sweep-

ing machines, dust-pans, photograph

albums, stove

dampers, a pen grinder, double plun-

geon, a bridge reamer, an improved chin-

ney, a hair-bark life-preserver, car-

pet stretchers, a burglar-proof lock,

and an auto-mat-fateful for car-

terers. All of these are useful in-

ventions, and some of them are in-

ventioning out of the necessities of

every-day life. Now let the wo-

man come forward who will invent a

thoroughly efficient dish-washing ma-

chine, and all womankind will rise

up and call her blessed, and her name

will go down through the ages as

immortal as that of a Morse or a

Franklin.

THERE is not a more generally dis-

cussed man in the country than Ben

Butler. There never was but one Ben

Butler made, and when he was finished

there was not material enough left

over for another of the same type, and

there never will be.

MEN AND WOMEN.

Mr. Beecher has made \$13,000 by

his Western lecturing tour.

Queen Marguerite, of Italy, greatly

admires American women.

The Duke of Connaught has a salary

of \$20,000 a year. It is better to be

born royal than rich.

Becky, ex-Governor of the Jerseys, is

89 years of age, and has held that po-

sition thirty years.

Major Daniel Simpson, "the veteran

drummer of Boston," celebrated his

103rd birthday a few days ago.

Lieutenant Garlington, of the Greeley

relied party, has been completely vil-

lified from any disbeliever of orders.

News has been received of the death

of Pietro Mazzara, the willful son

of a scoundrel, for many years a resident

of California. He died of Paris on the

24th of September last.

Kate Field took a letter to Judge

McCurdy in Denver. She inquired at

the hotel where she could find him.

"Don't know," was the reply; "he's

been dead eight years."

CURRENT NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Wherever thinks that London is

much of a town yet, let two thousand

of the latest trains enter and leave that

city each day.

A second says that in the moon

a hickory nut falling from a lough would

crash through a man like a mallet ball.

That settles it, we shall never go to

the moon, either hickory-nuts. (Norris

two in Herald.)

The Louisville Courier-Journal says

that "Carter Harrison returned to Chi-

cago, but his after dinner speeches are

rolling down the northwestern

coast and a long way to the west.

No punishment is too severe for the

man who was caught attempting to

smuggle fifteen monkeys through the

port of New York. No political party

can make a mistake in going in for a

rich and noble monkey and head of

a lion.

Woman's Rights in India.

From the Pall Mall Gazette.

At a meeting of the Senate of the

Bombay University, Monday

evening, a resolution was passed

in favor of the admission of women

to the Senate. The resolution was

carried by a majority of 10 to 5.

An Englishman seconded the motion,

which was carried without a division.

Many Hindus, Parsis and Moham-

medans were present. This will have

the effect of throwing open the learned

professions to women in the Western

Provinces.

The Irishman's Mistake.

From the Brooklyn Eagle.

Mr. Evans was pointed out to an

Irishman at the entrance to the Acad-

emy of Music last evening as being

an Irishman. He was asked to give

an account of himself. He said he was

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